

MRFSS Facts and Figures

Washington 1998



Five Frequently Encountered Fish 1998					
Species	Number Caught (Thousands)	Number Harvested (Thousands)	Pounds Harvested (Thousands)	Number Released (Thousands)	Mean Length (Harvested Fish)
BLACK ROCKFISH	222	217	666	5	15.6"
PACIFIC SANDDAB	174	162	69	12	10.1"
LINGCOD	138	41	327	97	25.9"
COPPER ROCKFISH	106	92	131	14	12.8"
SURF SMELT	2,537	2,528	160	9	5.8"

Length data are reported as fork length. (For most species = tip of snout to fork in tail.)

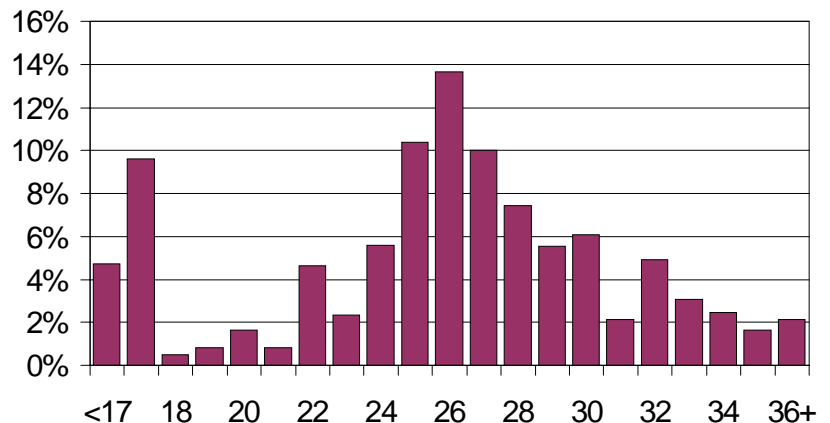
Lingcod

Ophiodon elongatus



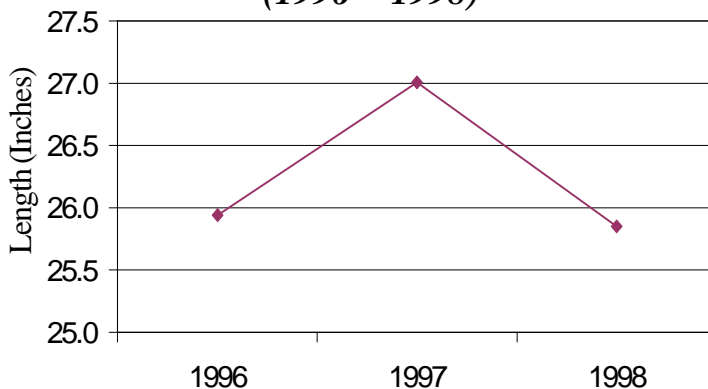
Since 1996, MRFSS field personnel have identified over 95 species of marine fish landed in Washington.

Length Distribution (in inches) Harvested Lingcod (1998)

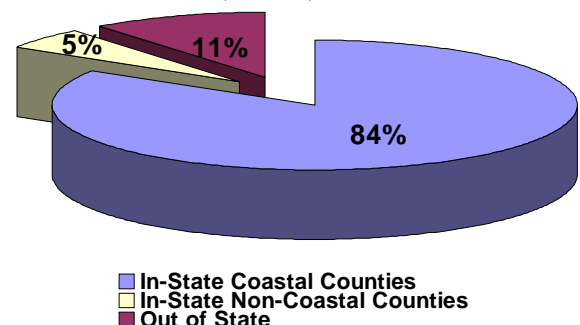


In 1998, over 41% of harvested lingcod averaged between 25 and 28 inches in length.

Average Length of Harvested Lingcod (1996 - 1998)

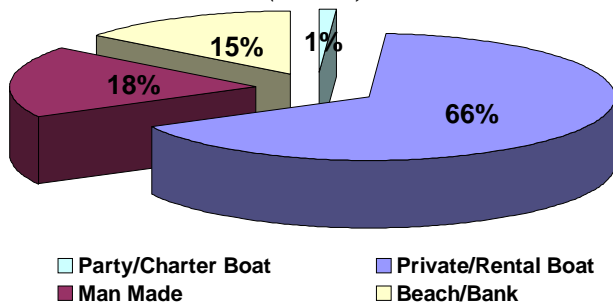


Washington Anglers' Area of Residence (1998)



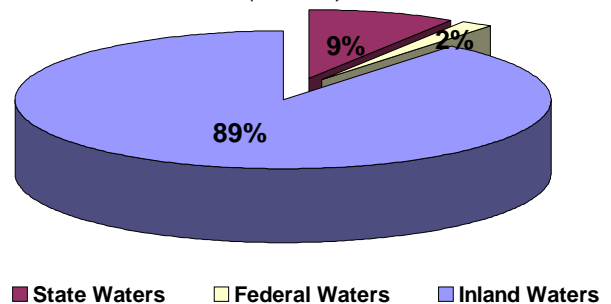
In 1998, over 388,000 anglers participated in Washington's Marine Recreational Fishery.

Saltwater Fishing Trips by Fishing Mode (1998)

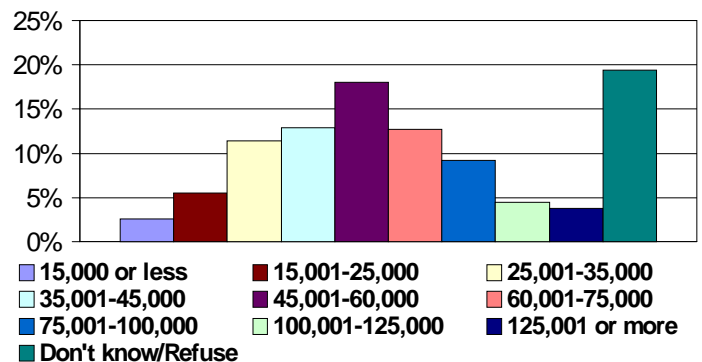


In 1998, anglers took nearly 1.5 million saltwater fishing trips in Washington.

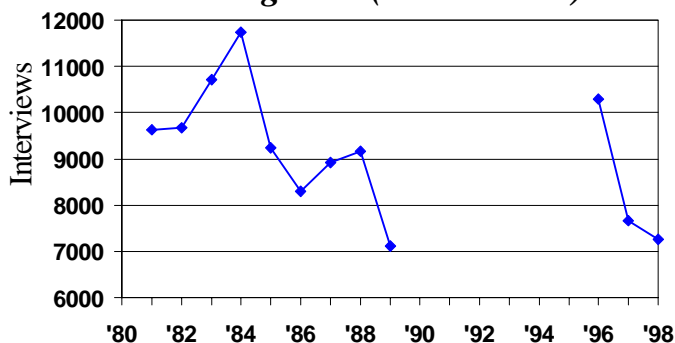
Saltwater Fishing Trips by Area Fished (1998)



Income Distribution for Washington Anglers (1997)



Number of Completed Field Surveys Washington (1980 - 1998)

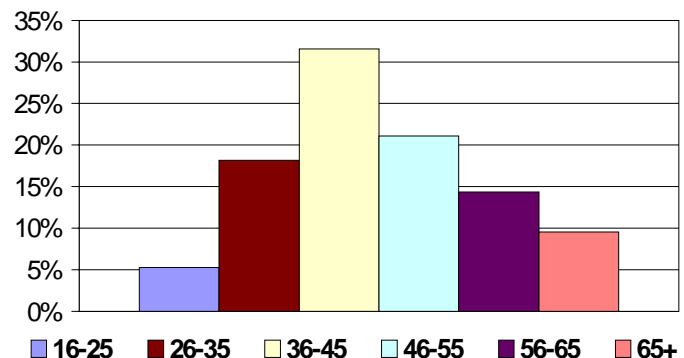


In 1998, MRFSS field personnel completed 7,264 surveys in Washington.

Due to funding constraints, the MRFSS was not conducted on the Pacific Coast from 1990-1992. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife conducted their own state survey from 1993 - 1995.

Since 1993, the MRFSS has been conducted as a component of Pacific RecFIN, which includes specialized state surveys for salmon fishing and ocean boat fishing in certain time periods.

Age Distribution of Washington Anglers (1997)



WASHINGTON MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHING INFORMATION

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) - Fish Program
(360) 902-2700 www.wa.gov/wdfw/fishcorn.htm

Washington DFW - Fish Program Rules and Regulations
(360) 902-2500 www.wa.gov/wdfw/fish/regs/fishregs.htm

Pacific Fishery Management Council
(503) 326-6352 www.pcouncil.org

Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
(503) 326-7025 www.psmfc.org

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